Diversity of media ownership is a vital component to any form of genuine democracy. Prohibition of Newspaper & TV ownership in the same geographic area has a long-standing tradition - for very good reason. We do not want the extremely dangerous trend of media consolidation allowed by the 96 Telecom Act to be further exercerbated by this proposed new slackening of wise regulation, allowing for yet more monopolistic or oligopilistic control of the free flow of information to the US public - a lynchpin of Democracy. Does the FCC want the US to wind up with our own versions of Pravda? Protect media diversity & democracy - don't help destroy it. What kind of country do you want your children to inherit?

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